

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

For Sinclair to use the justification that they plan to air a "news" program that contains already-proven false information only corrupts the responsibility that this company has signed up for: to serve the public interest. There is no responsibility here for the public interest in this action: it only serves the political interests of those individuals involved in the decision to air this propaganda.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.